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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:
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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:
   Deleted persons:
18 pages of specification and claims (including 19 numbered claims), and
11 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..
☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/437,747, filed January 3, 2003, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☒ This application claims priority on U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/437,747, filed January 3, 2003, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☐ The prior application is assigned to   ,   ,   ,
☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status.   ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☐ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached:☒ **Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449;** ☐ Other:

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